

## Morgantown Police Department

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## For Immediate Release - UPDATE

On August 19, 2013 at approximately 2042 hours, Morgantown Police Department, Morgantown Fire Department, and Monongalia County EMS responded to a vehicle accident involving death on South High Street. A 2008 Nissan Altima was traveling North on South High Street when it struck a pedestrian that was crossing the street at the intersection of Simpson Street.

The Investigation shows that Levi Alexander SOOY, 24 years of age of Morgantown was driving North on High Street. SOOY failed to see Robert McCLAIN, 79 years of age of Morgantown as he was walking east crossing South High Street at the intersection.

Mr. McCLAIN was struck by the front passenger side bumper of SOOY's vehicle.

**SOOY** was transported to Ruby Memorial Hospital where he submitted blood samples for forensic testing.

A Traffic Reconstruction Officer has completed the investigation of the crash and analysis of **SOOY's** vehicle. The completed report has been submitted to the Prosecuting Attorney® Office. Officers and Prosecutors are currently awaiting the results of the forensic testing of samples taken from Mr. **SOOY**.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a "Partner in Policing", by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

Ed Preston Chief of Police